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SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know whether any special training is also given to the Health Officers? If so, where is it given?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: There is a particular course B.Sc. degree of the University of Madras or diploma in Public Health of the University of Calcutta or L.P.H.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: This kind of dearth of personnel is always there in spite of revision of scales. It has been there for a very long time. What are the proposals before Government? Are they thinking of appointing more officers or relax the rule by appointing M.B.B.S. people without any special qualification in public health?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: That is the idea. That is why we have now circularized to all D.M.Os. in order to attract Assistant Surgeons for these posts. They will be given a sort of orientation training. We also contemplate science graduates being taken and given training in public health service. We also propose to promote selection grade health inspectors and selection grade sanitary inspectors to smaller areas like major Panchayats or smaller municipalities.

Milk Powder (gift)

*850 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of milk powder received as gift during 1959 and 1960 and the sources from which it has been received; and

(b) the quantity received by the Medical Department and in particular from the T.C.M.?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

(b) Nil.

SRI T. T. DANIEL: May I know whether the State Government has appointed any officer to regularize the distribution of milk powder and to see that it is not mis-used?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes. There is an officer in charge of receiving milk powder, medicines, etc., we receive from International Agencies. There is one officer to take care of them, check them and keep accounts, etc.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 577 infra.